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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS

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THURSDAY

ORCHESTRA:

ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers" --

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The National Forests are yours to enjoy, but along with their enjoyment goes the duty of protecting them.

Each week at this time we have a look-in on our old friend Ranger Jim Robbins, and his young assistant, Jerry Quick, who are on the job at the Pine Cone Ranger Station. A little while back, you remember, an attractive young lady by the name of Ruth Lander came up to the Ranger Station to help in the office for a few weeks - and Jerry hasn't been quite the same since. -- Well, let's see what's going on today. --

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JERRY: Yeah. The way things've been coming at us lately, we'll have to put some elastic or something in these days so we can stretch 'em out longer. -- (SOBERLY) I kind of hesitated asking to get off today, Jim, but -- I've got something important to 'tend to.

JIM: Important business, eh? (CHUCKLING) Sounds suspicious to me.

JERRY: Well -- maybe you'll be surprised when I come back.
(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

BESS: Jim --

JIM: What, Bess?

BESS: What on earth do you suppose Jerry went to town for?

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Curiosity gettin' the best of you, Bess?

BESS: I should say it is. -- He seemed rather excited, I thought.

JIM: Well -- he said it was important business. I gave him a chance to tell me what it was, but the only explanation was "you'll be surprised."

BESS: Jim -- you don't suppose --? Oh, surely he wouldn't do such a thing without telling us.

JIM: What you talking about, Bess?

BESS: (EXCITED) Jim, do you suppose he's gone in town to get married! Do you ---!?

JIM: (LAUGHING) Get married? Who to?

BESS: Why, Ruth Lander, I suppose. -- Oh, but surely he would have told us. Dear me, I don't know what to think -- Jim, call up the Supervisor's office and see if they know anything down there.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Indeed I won't. No such thing. --

BESS: But Jim --!

JIM: If Jerry wanted me to know what his business was, he would have told me. I won't spy on him, Bess.

BESS: Yes, you're right, of course, Jim. -- But somehow, I'm so disappointed.

JIM: Don't you think you're borrowing a little trouble, Bess? -- Anyhow, Ruth is a fine girl, and if Jerry wants to get hooked up, I reckon it's his business -- and he might do a lot worse.

BESS: Yes, I know -- but somehow I've always thought that Jerry and Mary Halloway were just made for each other, -- and now to have this happen -- I declare, I --

JIM: Nothing's happened yet, Bess. -- Better forget about it. -- Don't you want to drive up to the Forks Campground with me while I make an inspection this afternoon? It'll give you something else to think about.

BESS: Yes, I would, Jim. -- Oh, I -- I hope Jerry doesn't --

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Now, don't worry, Bess. Come on, get your bonnet and we'll head up to the Forks.

(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

BESS: Oh, isn't this pretty, Jim!

JIM: Yep, I reckon this is the nicest campground on our Forest.

BESS: I'd forgotten how lovely it was, I hadn't been up here for so long. -- There's quite a few campers here today, aren't there?

JIM: Yes, this campground gets a lot of use, Bess.

BESS: Oh, here's the tourist register. -- Let's see where all the visitors came from.

JIM: All right. They come from far and wide, Bess. It's surprising, how many States are represented by our visitors.

BESS: Oh, I should say. Look - here's a party from Boston - just registered today.

JIM: Uh huh. I 'spect that's them with the auto tent, over there by the big pine tree.

BESS: Their camp looks real cozy, doesn't it? -- Look, here's some folks registered from Galveston, Texas - and another party from Los Angeles - and two parties from Indiana - all the same day.

JIM: Yep.

BESS: Along here, they all seem to be from Willow Glen and other towns close around here.

JIM: Probably mostly week-end campers. Lots of folks from the towns nearby come up here week-ends, you know.

BESS: Yes, I know -- Oh, here's the Scribners, from Willow Glen, registered here, Jim. August 5 - that was last week end. I wonder why they didn't stop by and see us on their way into the Forest.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) I s'pect Mr. Scribner was too keen to get that fishin' rod of his in action, to want to have any delays.

BESS: (CHUCKLING) Most likely. -- Oh, here's some folks from Virginia, Jim. - And another party from Iowa. They certainly do come from everywhere.

JIM: Yep. We're going to have to enlarge the campground here to take care of 'em all, Bess. I'm figurin' to have a crew from the Conservation Camp start on it next week.

BESS: Good. -- I can wait right here while you go ahead with your work, Jim. I'll walk over to the spring pretty soon, maybe, and down the trail there a ways.

JIM: All right, Bess. It won't take me long. I just want to look things over, and line up things for the crew, and -- Hello, look who's here!

LITTLE GIRL: Hello.

JIM: Well, bless my soul. How are you, Miss?

LITTLE GIRL: Awright. -- You're a forest ranger, aren't you?

JIM: Yes'm, that's right.

LITTLE GIRL: Who's that lady?

JIM: That's Mrs. Ranger. (CHUCKLING) She just loves golden-haired girls.

BESS: I should say I do. And you have such lovely golden curls. -- What's your name?

LITTLE GIRL: Betty June.

BESS: Betty June? Isn't that sweet.

LITTLE GIRL: That's our tent over there. My daddy put it up.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Well now, that's a fine tent.

LITTLE GIRL: Yes sir. My daddy put it up. -- We're going to live in it tonight.

JIM: That'll be fun, now, won't it?

LITTLE GIRL: Did you ever live in a tent?

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Well -- being a ranger, I s'pect I've had my share of it.

LITTLE GIRL: Oh -- See my tin whistle?

JIM: That's a nice one. What can you play on it?

LITTLE GIRL: Listen.

(TOOT OF TIN WHISTLE: FIRST FEW BARS OF YANKEE DOODLE)

JIM: (CHUCKLING) That's sure fine. Why, you're almost as good as Ted Lewis.

LITTLE GIRL: Here comes my little brother.

BESS: Oh, come over here, and see us. -- What's his name?

LITTLE GIRL: Buddy. -- He's got a drum.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Sure enough. -- Hello, Buddy, give us a tune.

LITTLE GIRL: He's bashful. -- Go on, play the drum, Buddy.

(DRUMMING, AS BY SMALL BOY)

JIM: Great -- (CHUCKLES) You're some drummer, sonny.

LITTLE GIRL: Good bye. We've got to be going now.

JIM: Good bye. Come and see me soon.

BESS: Good bye, goldie locks. Good bye, Buddy.

LITTLE GIRL: Good bye, -- Come, Buddy.

(WHISTLE TOOTING AND DRUMMING, GOING OFF)

BESS: The children all love you, Jim.

JIM: Yes? (CHUCKLING) Well, I love the children, too, so it's fifty-fifty.

MAN'S VOICE: (COMING UP) How do you do, Ranger -- have my youngsters been entertaining you?

JIM: Howdy sir. They certainly have. (CHUCKLING) Put on a big parade.

BESS: They're just darlings.

MAN'S VOICE: (LAUGHING) Well, they're great on the parades. - I want to tell you, Ranger, how much we all enjoy coming up here into the Forest.

JIM: Glad to have you, sir. It's your property, you know, just as much as it's mine. -- All we rangers ask is that you folks help us keep it clean and green.

MAN'S VOICE: You can count on all of us for that, Ranger.

JIM: Thank you, sir. I'm sure I can.

(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

BESS: (SLIGHTLY OFF, CALLS) Oh, Jim --

JIM: Yes?

BESS: (UP) Where are you going?

JIM: Nowhere, Bess. I was just fixing to perch out here on the front step awhile and fire up the old pipe.

BESS: Oh. -- Jerry hasn't come back yet, has he, Jim?

JIM: Nope.

BESS: I've set aside some supper for him -- I left it on the stove to keep warm -- Jim, I can't help but worry about Jerry. He didn't come on the 6:30, and it's the last train from Willow Glen tonight. -- Oh, dear, I wish I knew what he was doing.

JIM: No use worrying, Bess. He's got to live his own life, you know.

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(SOUND OF AUTO MOTOR, OFF)

JERRY: (OFF) Howdy folks!

BESS: Why, Jerry - what on earth --!
(CHUG OF RATTLING MOTOR, CONTINUES THROUGH FOLLOWING)

JERRY: How do you like it?

BESS: Why Jerry! - is it a new car?!

JERRY: Yes siree! Just got 'er.

JIM: New car, eh?

JERRY: Well - it isn't exactly a new car, Jim, - but it's new for me. -- Listen to the motor. -- (RACES ENGINE)
Listen to that, will you?

JIM: Sounds energetic, all right.

JERRY: Sure. She's got plenty of pep. Taint so much to look at, but she ought to get me over these hills around here all right.

BESS: Why, Jerry, it looks real nice.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Sure. Quite a handsome buggy. -- So that's what the important business was in town today?

JERRY: Yeah. I've been wanting a car for a long time.

JIM: Uh huh. (CHUCKLES)

BESS: Oh Jerry, I'm so glad. I know you're just thrilled about it.

JERRY: You bet. - Get in, Mrs. Robbins, let me take you for a ride.

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